

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

The fastener elements of Fig. 1 can be molded in the shapes shown. Referring to Fig. 2, thermoplastic resin 200 is extruded as a molten sheet from extruder 202 and introduced into nip 204 formed between a pressure roll 206 and a counter-rotating mold roll 208 defining fastener element-shaped cavities in its surface. Pressure in the nip causes thermoplastic resin 200 to enter these blind-ended forming cavities to form the fastener elements, while excess resin remains about the periphery of the mold roll and is molded between the rolls to form sheet-form base 104. The thermoplastic resin is cooled as it proceeds along the periphery of the mold roll, solidifying the fastener elements, until it is stripped by stripper roll 212. The molded fastener elements distend during de-molding, but tend to recover substantially their as-molded shape. It is generally understood that fastener element crooks molded to face downstream tend to distend slightly more than those molded to face upstream, and can remain more distended in the final product. The direction of travel of the material illustrated in Fig. 2 is referred to as the "machine direction" (MD) of the material and defines the longitudinal direction of the resulting product, while the cross-machine direction (CD) is perpendicular to the machine direction within the plane of the sheet-form base. Further details regarding processing are described by Fischer, U.S. Patent Number 4,775,310 and Clune et al., U.S. Patent Number 6,202,260, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated in full by reference. Further details of a useful fastener element shape can be found in a U.S. patent application filed concurrently herewith, entitled "TOUCH FASTENER ELEMENTS" and assigned serial number [[_____]] 10/688,031, the contents of which are also incorporated herein by reference.